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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )  
Hiroaki Hara, et al. ) Examiner: H. Chu  
on AEROGEL AND METALLIC )  
COMPOSITES ) Group Art Unit: 1754  
Serial No.: 10/695,214 ) Confirmation No. 4508  
Filed: October 28, 2003 ) (Docket No. 6872-0001-1)

Hartford, Connecticut, November 7, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
and  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sirs:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time, to November 8, 2006, for responding to an Office Action dated May 8, 2006.

In Response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.